

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN VICKI COCCHIARELLA**, on January 28, 2005 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)  
Sen. Duane Grimes (R)  
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)  
Sen. Glenn Roush (D)  
Sen. Frank Smith (D)  
Sen. Carolyn Squires (D)  
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)  
Sen. Bill Tash (R)  
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Jon Tester (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Annie Glover, Committee Secretary  
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 217, 1/25/2005; SB 254,  
1/25/2005  
Executive Action: SB 192, SB 134, SB 254

00:00:00 \_\_\_\_\_

**HEARING ON SB 217**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

**SEN. LANE LARSON (D)**, SD 22, opened the hearing on **SB 217**, Revise apprentice training laws.

**EXHIBIT**(bus22a01)

**EXHIBIT**(bus22a02)

00:06:48

**Proponents' Testimony:**

**Mr. J.D. Lynch**, Montana State Building Trades

**Mr. Jerry Driscoll**, Montana AFL-CIO

**Mr. Keith Allen**, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

**Mr. Don Judge**, Teamsters Local 190

00:09:24

**Opponents' Testimony:**

**Mr. Greg Smith**, Lewistown Central Electric

**Ms. Margaret Morgan**, Treasure State Independent Electrical Contractors

**Mr. Carl Schweitzer**, Associated Plumbing and Heating Contractors

00:19:47

**Informational Testimony:**

**Mr. Mark Maki**, Department of Labor and Industry

00:20:21

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

**EXHIBIT**(bus22a03)

**EXHIBIT**(bus22a04)

01:00:59

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:06:35

**HEARING ON SB 254**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

**SEN. KELLY GEBHARDT (R)**, SD 23, opened the hearing on **SB 254**, Revise eligibility requirements for volunteer firefighters.

01:08:26

**Proponents' Testimony:**

**Ms. Melanie Symons**, Legal Counsel, Montana Public Employees Retirement Board

**Mr. John Semple**, Montana Fire Alliance Bureau

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

01:09:15

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:14:02

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:15:15

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 192**

**Motion:** SEN. STEINBEISSER moved that SB 192 DO PASS.

**Discussion:**

**Motion/Vote:** SEN. STEINBEISSER moved that SB 192 DO PASS. Motion failed 5-5 with SEN. BALYEAT, SEN. LEWIS, SEN. SMITH, SEN. STEINBEISSER, and SEN. TASH voting aye.

**Note:**

At the discretion of the Chair, this bill remains in committee to await further action.

01:24:10

**Discussion of SB 134:**

**Mr. John Huth, State Auditor's Office**

01:28:22

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 134**

**Motion:** SEN. LEWIS moved that SB 134 DO PASS.

**Discussion:**

**Motion/Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:29:43

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 254**

**Motion/Vote:** SEN. SQUIRES moved that SB 254 DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:36 A.M.

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SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA, Chairman

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ANNIE GLOVER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([bus22aad0.PDF](#))**